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Ebtedayee students' pass rate 91pc
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The results of Ebtedayee Education Terminal Examination, 2011 were published yesterday with 91.28 percent students coming out successful. A total of 2,150 students secured GPA - 5 (Grade Point Average). This year, around 2,50,000 class V madrasa students -- over 1,16,000 boys and 1,32,000 girls -- passed the examinations. The percentage of boys coming out successful is 46.77 while the success rate of girls is 53.23 percent. After introducing the Ebtedayee Education Terminal Examination for

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COMILLA CITY ELECTION 2012

Many voters still unaware of EVM
Massive campaign going on

RAKIB HASNET SUMAN, from Comilla

With polling only eight days away, successful use of electronic voting machine (EVM) in the maiden Comilla City Corporation polls could be a major challenge for the Election Commission as many voters are still unfamiliar with the device. The EC, however, is confident that the much-talked-about machine will prove a success. This is the first time the commission is going to use the EVM in the entire polling in any elections in the country. It will use 421 machines in as many booths in 65 polling centres. Besides, 65 more will be kept reserved on the polling day. Earlier the main opposition BNP decided not to back any candidate as the EC turned down its demands for army deployment and not using EVM. Talking to The Daily Star, Returning Officer Abdul Baten said, "Primarily it [using EVM] was really a challenge for us. But now we are confident as people have taken it easily." A massive campaign is going on to

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Mob beats 2 'robbers' to death
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two alleged robbers were killed and another was injured in a mob beating at Hyderabad village in Gazipur early yesterday. The dead, both of them aged about 40, could not be identified. Injured Monir Hossain, 24, is from Chakraborti area of Joydevpur. SM Kamruzzaman, officer-in-charge of Joydevpur Police Station, said locals chased a group of around 15 people who gathered at Hyderabad around 2:00am. Challenged, the suspected robbers exploded some Molotov cocktails while two of them jumped

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Cops foil BNP rallies in 4 dists
BNP claims arrest of 214 party activists

STAR REPORT

Police yesterday charged baton on BNP activists to thwart the party's demonstrations in different district towns as part of its scheduled programme. The rallies were declared to protest the government's repression and police action on its supporters and the secret killings. Meanwhile, BNP Joint Secretary General Ruhul Kabir Rizvi in the city's Naya Paltan alleged that around 214 party men were arrested from Sunday night to yesterday evening while some 250 men were injured in attacks by police assisted by Awami League men. He said police foiled BNP programmes in different districts including Joypurhat, Chittagong, Khulna, Gaibandha, Sunamganj, Sirajganj, Sherpur, Mymensingh, Netrakona, Magura and Sylhet. Our Gaibandha correspondent reports that at least 12 people were injured as police fired rubber bullets and charged baton on BNP activists as they tried to hold a rally in the town. Eyewitnesses said district BNP brought out two

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LOKMAN MURDER Another accused arrested
STAR REPORT

Police have arrested a BNP activist accused in the Narsingdi municipal mayor Lokman Hossain killing case from Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in the capital. Tareque Ahmed, member of BNP's Narsingdi district committee, was arrested on Sunday night on his arrival from Saudi Arabia after performing hajj. A Narsingdi court placed him on a five-day remand yesterday after detectives produced him before the court seeking 10 days' remand. Talking to The Daily Star on the court premises, Tareque, however, denied being involved in

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Congratulations

Iftexhar Ahmed Tipu, Managing Director of Ifad Multi Products Limited and Chairman, Ifad Group is receiving FBCCI-SME AWARD 2011 from Zillur Rahman, Honorable President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh for special and effective contribution in SME event. (Dated December 23, 2011).

Heartiest congratulations to Mr Iftexhar Ahmed Tipu, Managing Director of IFAD Multi Products Limited on behalf of Bangladesh Krishi Bank for his extra ordinary achievement.



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Sylhet road crash kills 9
STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

At least nine people were killed and 20 others injured as a passenger bus collided head on with a truck on the Sylhet-Tamabil highway yesterday. Among the dead are the bus driver, two primary school female teachers and a 12-year-old schoolboy. The accident happened around 2:00pm as the Sylhet-bound bus from Jaflong crashed into the truck coming from the opposite direction near Sarighat petrol pump in Jaintapur upazila. Three people died on the spot and six more succumbed to their injuries at Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital, said Abdul Jalil, officer-in-charge of Jaintapur Police Station.

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50 injured in B'baria clash
4 highways blocked for 2hrs

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

At least 50 people including three policemen were injured in a fierce clash between the residents of two villages in Brahmanbaria over a trifling matter yesterday blocking four highways for more than two hours. Vehicular movement was suspended from 10:00am on Dhaka-Sylhet, Comilla-Sylhet, Dhaka-Brahmanbaria and Mymensingh-Chittagong highways as the villagers of Khatihata and Kuttapara villages under Sadar and Sarail upazilas clashed at Khatihata Biswaroad intersection. Critically injured 15 including villagers and passers by

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ENGR. Md. Enamul Haque, Managing Director, Vision Wears Limited
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ONLINE POLL

Do you think the government's decision to form another International Crimes Tribunal to speed up the trial of crimes against humanity committed during the Liberation War is justified?

Yes (50.3%)
No (47.1%)
No Comments (2.6%)

TOTAL VOTES: 503

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think the difference of opinion on economic growth between the finance minister and Bangladesh Bank governor shows a lack of proper assessment of economy?

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| Fajr 5:30 | 6:05 |
| Zohr 12:45 | 1:15 |
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| Maghrib 5:27 | 5:30 |
| Esha 7:00 | 7:30 |

Source: Islamic Foundation